

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 KUWAIT 00784 180602Z

15

ACTION NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 /017 W
----- 075785

R 180507Z FEB 75
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO USDOC WASHDC
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2270
AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
USINT BAGHDAD
AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY DOHA
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT
AMEMBASSY MANAMA
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

UNCLAS KUWAIT 0784

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ECRE, EWWT, KU

SUBJECT: GERMAN FIRM TO MANAGE KUWAIT DRYDOCK

REF: (A) KUWAIT 0625 (B) KUWAIT 2434 (6-11-74) (C) KUWAIT 1493
(4-17-74)

1. FRG FIRM BLOHM AND VOSS CO. SIGNED CONTRACT ON FEBRUARY 13 WITH KUWAIT SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIRYARD CO. (KSRC) TO SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF, MANAGE, AND TRAIN PERSONNEL FOR KSRC'S SHIPYARD FOR FIVE YEAR PERIOD. REPAIRYARD WILL BE ABLE HANDLE CARGO SHIPS RANGING UP TO 33,000 DWT.
2. THE DRYDOCK IS EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION BY MID-1977. BLOHM AND VOSS IS EXPECTED TO PREPARE FINAL DESIGNS AND TENDER DOCUMENTS WITHIN SIX MONTHS. BLOHM AND VOSS WORKING WITH PROJECT CONSULTANT ASSOCIATED MARINE OF AMSTERDAM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTING EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN CONSTRUCTING THE YARD.
3. KSRC CHAIRMAN FEISAL MARZOUK TOLD EMBOFF LOCAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES WOULD PROBABLY DO AS MUCH OF WORK AS POSSIBLE. HE EXPECTED MOST OF THE MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT TO COME FROM FRG SUPPLIES

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 KUWAIT 00784 180602Z

BUT DEFINITELY WANTED TO PURCHASE THE "SYNCHRO-LIFT" EQUIPMENT

MANUFACTURED BY PEARLSON ENGINEERING OF MIAMI. HE CLAIMED PEARLSON'S EQUIPMENT WAS UNIQUE AND IDEAL FOR KUWAIT BECAUSE IT WAS SIMPLE TO OPERATE AND DID NOT REQUIRE COMPLICATED MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR. HE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT BOYCOTT OFFICE MIGHT PREVENT THE PURCHASE, HOWEVER, SINCE ISRAEL HAD PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED "SYNCHRO-LIFT" EQUIPMENT WHICH SOME ALLEGED WAS USED FOR MILITARY REPAIRS. HE INDICATED HOWEVER HE PREPARED TO FIGHT THE BOYCOTT OFFICE IF NECESSARY TO MAKE THE PURCHASE.

4. COMMENT: ONLY U.S. FIRMS TO COMPETE FOR MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WAS JOHN J. MCMULLEN WHICH DID NOT HAVE EXPERIENCE IN SHIPYARD MANAGEMENT COMPARABLE TO EUROPEAN COMPETITION. KUWAIT MOVING AHEAD IN THE COMMERCIAL MARINE FIELD EVEN FASTER THAN IN DEVELOPING ITS PETROLEUM AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY. CHOICE OF EUROPEAN CONSULTANT WILL HARM CHANCES FOR LARGE SALES OF U.S. MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT WITH EXCEPTION OF "SYNCHRO-LIFT". SUGGEST COMMERCE PASS U.S. MARINE EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS NAMES OF TWO EUROPEAN COMPANIES INVOLVED WITH PROJECT IN HOPE SPECS WILL BE WRITTEN TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR EQUIPMENT. SHOULD BE NOTED ASSOCIATED MARINE ALSO CARRYING OUT STUDY FOR GOK TO EXPAND KUWAIT'S CARGO PORT AT SHUWEIKH FROM 21 TO 42 BERTHS.

STOLTZFUS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ORGANIZATION & MANAGEMENT, DRYDOCKS, PORT FACILITIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975KUWAIT00784
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750057-0239
From: KUWAIT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750236/aaaabfyc.tel
Line Count: 83
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: (A) KUWAIT 0625 (B) KUWAIT 2434 (6-1, 1-74) (C) KUWAIT 1493
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 MAY 2003 by McShalBA>; APPROVED <16 JAN 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GERMAN FIRM TO MANAGE KUWAIT DRYDOCK
TAGS: ECRE, EWWT, KU
To: COM
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006